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WEEKLY DIARY ITEMS

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(U) System Engineering and Technical Direction of WS 315A

Pending the receipt of an amended purchase request and a work statement, action is being initiated to award a Letter Contract (AF 04(647)-481) to Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc., for system engineering and technical direction of the WS 315A project. Douglas will be phased into system engineering and technical direction by 31 December 1959 and concurrently Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., will be phased out. After phasing in, Douglas will continue furnishing these services until the end of FY 60.

(U) Photographic Laboratory, Vandenberg AFB

19 Contract AF 04(647)-472 will be given to Technicolor Corporation on 11 September 1959 for signature. Contractor has advised that he may have trouble getting the material necessary for fabrication of the film processing machines due to the steel strike. Contractor will require approximately 12,000 pounds of stainless steel for fabrication. LBFB has been apprised of this problem in the Impact Report on Steel Strike.

(U) Titan Missile Display.

No new development.

(U) Long Range R&D Valve Program

No new development.

(U) ARW-62 Command Destruct Receivers

No new development.

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Re-organization of Space Projects Office - LBZS

The proposed organization of the new Space Projects Office into two Divisions, Special Projects Division - LBZSP and Advanced Projects Division - LBZSA to be established immediately and the creation of a new Communications Satellite Systems Office to be established in January 1960 has occupied the major part of our effort this past week. This organizational project and manning problems associated therewith has pre-empted many of our pressing contract matters during this time. This project will be essentially completed this week.

(U) Communication Satellite Program

19 The ACO is presently reviewing the General Electric cost proposal and will submit his comments to us by 14 September. In-house review will be made next week concluding with a presentation to the Procurement/Production Staff. Negotiations with General Electric are scheduled to begin 21 September 1959.

(U) Missile Valve Test Services

The Steward-T-M Contract was given to the Contractor for signature on 4 September and will be returned this week. The Wyle Laboratories T-M Contract is being revised to conform with certain changes made in the initial LBPC review of Steward-T-M, and will be forwarded for initial review this week.

(U) Letter Contract AF 04(647)-449 Aeronutronics System - Program 609A

The Contractor completed Phase II of the Program by submitting the Program Test Plan on 1 September 1959. After initial review by BMD project personnel it was determined that the test plan as submitted by the contractor was inadequate for the purpose intended. At a subsequent meeting with contractor personnel it was agreed that the plan would be supplemented by additional information. Air Force approval of Phase II is still contemplated by 15 September provided the supplementary information is satisfactory.

(U) Contracts with Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.

Contract AF 04(647)-302 Able 3-4 (NASA HS-6). The Contractor has submitted some of the additional cost information requested by the Air Force negotiating team for CCN Nr. 1. Although minimum information has been submitted, negotiations are in process in an effort to definitize this CCN without further delay. It is anticipated that this negotiation will be completed within a week.

Letter Contract AF 04(647)-369 Project Mercury. Negotiation of the Definitive Contract work statement were completed on 8 September. Negotiations of estimated cost and fee are scheduled to begin on 14 September 1959.